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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated's 2021 Avoided Cost Proceeding
Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-41-20(A)
Docket No. 2021-88-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") submits this letter to respectfully request that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") make a similar amendment to the procedural schedule in this proceeding to that made on August 2, 2021, in the avoided cost proceeding in Docket Nos. 2021-89-E and 2021-90-E. Specifically, ORS asks that the Commission set a deadline in this proceeding to allow the parties an opportunity to submit and present responsive testimony to the report of the third-party consultant the Commission retained in this proceeding.

During its regularly scheduled business meeting on July 28, 2021, the Commission voted to retain London Economics International, LLC ("London Economics") as a consultant in this matter pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-41-20(I). By Order No. 2021-520 dated July 29, 2021, in this matter, the Commission set a procedural schedule under which the hearing in this matter commences on August 18, 2021; the report from London Economics is due September 16, 2021; the discovery deadline including London Economics' deposition to be completed by the parties is October 5, 2021; and London Economics' testimony and cross examination followed by Commissioners' questions is scheduled to commence October 6, 2021. Through the same Order, the Commission set a similar procedural schedule for the avoided cost proceedings for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC") (Docket No. 2021-89-E) and Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP") (Docket No. 2021-90-E).

By Order No. 2021-527 dated August 2, 2021, the Commission amended Order No. 2021-520 in the DEC and DEP avoided cost proceedings “to provide the opportunity for the parties to reply or respond to London Economics’ report and testimony.” The Commission set a deadline of 12:00 noon on September 15, 2021, for parties to file responsive testimony to London Economics’ report. London Economics’ testimony and cross examination followed by Commissioners’ questions is scheduled to commence the following day on September 16th.

ORS respectfully requests the Commission make a similar amendment to the procedural schedule in this avoided cost proceeding and set a deadline after London Economics’ report is due and after the parties have had an opportunity to conduct discovery regarding the report for the parties to submit responsive testimony. ORS also requests parties be allowed to present any witnesses who submit responsive testimony at the hearing commencing on October 6, 2021. As in the DEC and DEP avoided cost proceedings, the parties to this proceeding also need to have an opportunity to reply or respond to London Economics’ report and testimony.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this request.

Sincerely,



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